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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to grant the petition to ban forced molting of "laying" hens (docket #98P-0203/CP). This procedure is nothing less than starvation of legally unprotected beings (to manipulate egg production and prices), results in countless deaths (considered a cost of doing business), and increases the spread of Salmonella. Please don't resist facing what this does to these animals by reasoning that "that's the way it is in the egg industry." Remember, slavery used to be considered an absolute must to plantation owners, and it was wrong, wrong, wrong. Forced molting is, too.

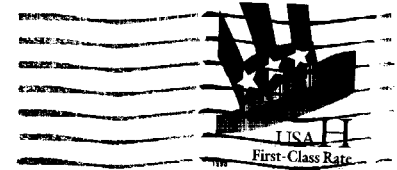
Yours truly,



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